GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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HERBAL DRUG INDUSTRY
SUBODH ROY

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn towards the news-item captioned `Plan to streamline herbal drug industry` appearing in `The Hindu` dated June 6, 2001;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) whether several endangered herbal plants continue to be exported despite ban; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/being taken by Government to impose a check on such plants in order to benefit the herbal drug industry?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)The news-item captioned `Plan to streamline herbal drug industry` appeared in `The Hindu` dated June 24, 2001.

(b) Scientific Advisory Committee to the Cabinet in their report has placed focus on identifying a few herbs which can provide opportunities for large scale employment and take advantage of the domestic and global market for value added herbal or herb based products. The report identifies 45 medicinal herbs for cultivation all over India, out of which, 7 herbs have been recommended for immediate action

(c) Department of Commerce have informed that no such instance has come to their notice.

(d) Does not arise.